

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 28 - 48 are pending.

Claims 28 and 31 are currently amended.

Claims 1 - 27 were previously cancelled.

1-27. (Cancelled).

28. (Currently Amended) A selective call forwarding system, comprising:

a telephone system configured to receive at least one call made from one of a plurality of preferred caller telephone numbers to a subscriber telephone number, and to selectively forward the call to a one of a plurality of forwarding telephone numbers associated with the subscriber telephone number,

wherein the plurality of preferred caller telephone numbers are exclusively forwarded to one or more of the forwarding telephone numbers, and

wherein the telephone system is further configured to provide an indication, to a caller placing the call, that the call is being forwarded to the forwarding telephone number,

wherein the telephone system uses T_No_Answer and T_Busy triggers on a call to the subscriber telephone number,

wherein the telephone system uses a Transaction Capabilities Application Part (TCAP) protocol to respond to triggers, and

wherein the telephone system uses a flow through provisioning system to

pass data; and

a programmable telephone number table comprising the subscriber telephone number, the plurality of forwarding telephone numbers associated with the subscriber telephone number, and the plurality of preferred caller telephone numbers,

wherein the programmable telephone number table is in communication with the telephone system and can be edited by a telephone subscriber of the system via a website.

29. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 28 wherein the website resides on the Internet.

30. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 28 wherein access to the programmable telephone number table via the website is restricted.

31. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
providing a programmable telephone number table comprising a subscriber telephone number, a plurality of forwarding telephone numbers, and a plurality of preferred caller telephone numbers associated with the subscriber telephone number,

receiving a first call made to the subscriber telephone number from a first caller telephone number;

determining whether the first caller telephone number is one of the plurality of preferred caller telephone numbers associated with the subscriber telephone number;

if the first caller telephone number is one of a plurality of preferred caller

telephone numbers, forwarding the first call to a first forwarding telephone number;

if the first caller telephone number is not a preferred caller telephone number,
processing the first call normally without forwarding the first call to the first forwarding
telephone number;

if the first call is forwarded to a first forwarding telephone number, providing an indication, to the first caller, that the first call is being forwarded to the first forwarding telephone number;

receiving at least a second call made to the subscriber telephone number from at least a second caller telephone number;

determining whether the second caller telephone number is one of the plurality of preferred caller telephone numbers associated with the subscriber telephone number;

if the second caller telephone number is one of a plurality of preferred caller telephone numbers, forwarding the second call to a second forwarding telephone number;

if the second caller telephone number is not a preferred caller telephone number,
processing the second call normally without forwarding the second call to the second
forwarding telephone number; and

if the second call is forwarded to a second forwarding telephone number, providing an indication, to the second caller, that the second call is being forwarded to the second forwarding telephone number, and

~~wherein if the first caller telephone number is not a preferred caller~~
~~telephone number, the first call is processed normally without forwarding the first call to~~
~~the first forwarding telephone number;~~

~~and wherein if the second caller telephone number is not a preferred caller telephone number, the second call is processed normally without forwarding the second call to the second forwarding telephone number~~ the first call and the second call made to the subscriber telephone number are made on a telephone system that uses T_No_Answer and T_Busy triggers,

wherein the telephone system uses a Transaction Capabilities Application Part (TCAP) protocol to respond to triggers,

wherein the telephone system uses a flow through provisioning system to pass data, and

wherein the programmable telephone number table is in communication with the telephone system and can be edited by a telephone subscriber of the system via a website.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, further comprising determining whether the first forwarding telephone number is associated with a wireless telephone, and wherein forwarding the first call to the first forwarding telephone number is performed in response to determining that the wireless telephone is in an on-state.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, further comprising associating the subscriber telephone number with a subscriber to a selective call forwarding service, and further comprising enabling the subscriber to configure a programmable telephone number table to:

associate a plurality of preferred caller telephone numbers with the subscriber telephone number; and

associate with each of the preferred caller telephone numbers at least one respective forwarding telephone number.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein determining whether the first caller telephone number is one of a plurality of preferred caller telephone numbers associated with the subscriber telephone number includes accessing a programmable telephone number table containing at least the subscriber telephone number and the plurality of preferred caller telephone numbers and determining if the first caller telephone number is a preferred caller telephone number listed in the programmable telephone number table.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein determining whether the second caller telephone number is one of a plurality of preferred caller telephone numbers associated with the subscriber telephone number includes accessing a programmable telephone number table containing at least the subscriber telephone number and the plurality of preferred caller telephone numbers and determining if the second caller telephone number is a preferred caller telephone listed in the programmable telephone number table.

36. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 28, wherein the indication provided to the caller is an audible voice notification.

37. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 28, wherein the indication provided to the caller is an audible tone.

38. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 28, wherein the indication provided to the caller is a lamp.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein providing an indication to the first caller includes providing an audible voice notification.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein providing an indication to the first caller includes providing an audible tone.

41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein providing an indication to the first caller includes providing the indication using a lamp.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, wherein providing an indication to the second caller includes providing an audible voice notification.

43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, wherein providing an indication to the second caller includes providing an audible tone.

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, wherein providing an indication to the second caller includes providing the indication using a lamp.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein different ones of the forwarding telephone numbers are associated with respective preferred caller telephone numbers and are also associated with the subscriber telephone number.

46. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, further associating the plurality of forwarding telephone numbers of the programmable telephone number table with respective preferred caller telephone numbers.

47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein forwarding the first call includes forwarding the first call to a first forwarding telephone number associated with the first caller telephone number.

48. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein forwarding the second call includes forwarding the second call to a second forwarding telephone number associated with the second caller telephone number.